THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The export product Titanium dioxide rutile grade is having 1 % DEPB rate for packing material. However there is no separate DEPB entry for the main product as such. M/s. Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd. (KMML), Kollam manufactures Titanium dioxide rutile grade.

(b) The export of Titanium dioxide rutile grade during last year was 12777.98 MTs and 6570.5 MTs during current financial year (April-September). As there is no separate ITC (HS) classification for Titanium dioxide Rutile grade and Anatase grade, the export quantity stated above are for both the grades.

(c) No application for fixation of DEPB rate for export of Titanium dioxide rutile grade has so far been received consequent to the determination of Standard Input Output Norms (SION) for this product.

Filling of SC, ST and OBC vacancies

*258. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed any special drive for employment exchanges to fill up the vacancies for SCs, STs and OBCs in Government and PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) Employment Exchanges sponsor candidates against the vacancies notified to them. Responsibility for filling up of vacancies, including those for SCs, STs and OBCs, rests with the respective Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings. However, a special drive to fill the backlog of reserved vacancies of SCs and STs has been launched by the various Ministries/Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous bodies. As per the information available as of 31.12.2005, special drive in Central Government and autonomous bodies resulted in filling up of 41.4 per cent of vacancies for SCs and 34.4 per cent of vacancies of STs in direct recruitment whereas, in case of promotions, the percentage achievement was around 50.8 percent and 27.3 percent respectively.